## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of		)	
		) Art	Unit:
SHIROTO et al		)	
		) Exa	ıminer
Serial No.:		)	
(Division of 09/825,967 Filed: April 5, 2001		)	
		)	
For:	PROCESS OF PRODUCING	)	
	LIQUID HYDROCARBON OIL	)	
	OR DIMETHYL ETHER FROM	)	
	LOWER HYDROCARBON GAS	)	
	CONTAINING CARBON DIOXIDE	)	

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the captioned application as follows: